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Office Action Summary

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Examiner
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5-8-01

2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-266, 269-275, 276-283, 292-294 is/are pending in the application.
267-268, 284, 286, 289-291, 285, 287-288
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-266, 269-275, 276-283, 292-294 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 267-268, 284, 286, 289-291 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 285, 287-288 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. **Claims 267-268, 284, 286, and 289-291 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Klein.**

Claims 167-168, 284, and 289-290, Klein teaches providing individual laminate cardstock including liner sheet 90 including a sheet and ultraremovable adhesive 95 on the sheet and cardstock sheet 80 adhered to adhesive 95, cutting through sheet 80 to sheet 90 to form cardstock cut lines 200 defining at least in part perimeters of printable media, and cutting through an outer face of sheet 90 to sheet 80 to form liner-sheet cut lines 300 defining a plurality of liner strips on the back of the laminate cardstock. As shown in Figure 8, the cardstock is provided as a plurality of connected cardstocks fan folded. Klein teaches that the cardstock can be individual sheets or a continuous cardstock which is fanfolded at intervals of the sheets. The individual sheets or continuous cardstock are printed upon using automated equipment after cutting, and the individual sheets can be provided from the continuous cardstock. Klein teaches adhesive-receptive coating 125 on the sheet in contact with adhesive 95 (c 2, L 40, to c 4, L 15).

Further, each sheet includes more than one liner strip. The media are arranged on the sheet in a matrix form including a plurality of columns and rows. The media are rectangular business cards. The construction is feed through a printer for a printing operation on sheet 80 to print on the media to form printed media. After printing the media can be removed from the strips for use. The media can be removed from the strips by peeling. The media include individual, printed, and clean edged business cards. Lines 200 define the entire media perimeter.

Claim 286, MPEP § 2144.05 indicates that when the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art it is not inventive to discover the optimum or workable ranges by routine experimentation.

Claim 291, *Klein does not teach specifics about the cutting of lines 200 and 300 in that Klein does not teach that cutting diecutting.*

Die cutting is conventional in the art, and for this reason it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided in Klein that cutting lines 200 and 300 is by diecutting because such are conventional in the art and it is obvious to replace one type of cutting with another art recognized type of cutting.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-231, 232-241, 242-248, 249, 250, 251-252, 253, 254-255, 256-261, 262-266, 269-275, 276-281, 282, 283, and 292-294 are allowed.

Claims 285 and 287-288 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not teach: **claim 254**, that the card directly abut card in adjacent rows and columns separated only by lines 200; **claims 269, 276, and 292**, removing liner waste strips; **claims 182-183**, cutting lines 300 so that the liner strips are over at least some of lines 200; **claim 185**, removing some of the liner strips from the cardstock before feeding the cardstock into a printer or copier; **claim 287**, that one of lines 300 defines a flexibility cut line assisting in feeding the cardstock through the printer or copier

5. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, Applicants' reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with, 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).


Conclusion

6. Applicants' amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**, MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicants are reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner Linda L. Gray at (703)308-1093, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The necessary fax numbers are (703)305-7718 (official), (703)305-7115 (unofficial), and (703)305-3599 (after final).

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